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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 3454

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1306

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MARR, MASS, BA

SUBJECT : SALE OF M12 LAW TO BAHRAIN

REF : STATE 212942

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED THE BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, COL. KHALIFA BIN AHMAD AL KHALIFA IN WRITING OF THE CONTENTS OF PARA ONE, REFTEL. WE HAVE SENT AN INFORMATION COPY OF THAT LETTER TO THE LOCAL CROWN AGENT REPRESENTATIVE.

2. AS FOR PARAS TWO AND THREE, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER -- UNLESS THERE ARE SOME GOOD REASONS TO DO OTHERWISE, OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE -- NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE REVISED DD 1513 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BDF. SINCE THIS CASE FROM THE BEGINNING HAD NO REFERENCE TO THIS EMBASSY (REF: 75 STATE 267783), WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE INFORMED THE BDF OF THE NONAVAILABILITY OF THE LAWS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. IT IS UP TO THEM TO COMMUNICATE THEIR DECISION REGARDING THEIR ORDER TO THEIR AGENTS -- IN THIS CASE THE CROWN AGENTS REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON. FYI. THE LOCAL CROWN AGENTS WERE INFORMED IN WRITING IN JULY THAT THE BDF WOULD CANCEL THE ORDER IF IT WERE NOT RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1976. END FYI.

3. IN THE FUTURE, WE WOULD HOPE TO ELIMINATE THE CROWN AGENT AS THE MIDDLEMAN BETWEEN THE BDF AND THE USG ON MILITARY SUPPLY
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MATTERS, BUT WE SEE NO REASON TO STEP INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS

PARTICULAR CASE -- ESPECIALLY SINCE IT LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE AN
UNHAPPY ENDING TO THIS PARTICULAR STORY.
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